MOORE ANSWERS TAX OBJECTORS

Gives Figures Showing How His Plan of Segregation Would Work Out.

WELCOMES ALL CRITICISMS

Present System Described as Burdensome, Imposing in Some Instances Double Taxation.

State Auditor C. Lee Moore issued yesterday a carefully prepared statement answering criticisms which have been made from time to time of his proposed tax segregation plan. Mr. Moore issued his plan of tax reform as tentative only, and invited the fullest scrutiny and discussion. He takes up in turn eleven objections which have been raised, and deals with each one from the standpoint of a man thoroughly acquainted with his ground, and who has at his command figures to back up his views. His statement follows in full:

Corporation Taxes.

1. The railroads would have to pay annually at least \$500,000 more than they are now paying to give the amount estimated they should pay.

Answer: These corporations are now paying annually to the State at least 1000 paying the

paying annually to the State, \$1,026,-To the counties and towns and cities

To the counties and towns and cities (figures furnished the Auditor of Public Accounts by the corporations), \$1,419,084.02. Total \$2,440,065.31. And estimated annual tax to be hereafter paid by the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company, \$65,000. Total \$2,505,065.31. An amount in excess of that contained in amount in excess of that contained in

2. It is feared the falling off in gross earnings of corporations in bad years may materially reduce the revenue from Answer: Experience does not justify

Answer: Experience does not justify this alarm. The gross transportation receipts of railroad corporations for the year 1903, were \$34,891,778; year 1904, were \$37,858,968; year 1905, were \$39,969,790; year 1906, were \$45,116,916; year 1907, were \$45,98,571; year 1908, were \$47,668,077; year 1909, were \$48,430,732; year 1910, were \$57,069,204; year 1911, were \$58,291,143; year 1912, were \$53,242,964.

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These figures show that the State can expect its revenue to increase annually from this source rather than decrease.

Criminal Charges.

3. It is stated that my estimate of \$250,000 to pay the criminal charges is too low.

Answer: The present annual appro-Answer: The present annual appropriation for the payment of criminal charges is \$38,000. The maintenance of jail prisoners working on the public roads (more of such prisoners being now so employed than ever before) I estimate will cost \$75,000 a year, and the maintenance of inmates in reformatories now costing \$50,000 a year are now required by law to be paid out of the appropriation for criminal charges. Deducting the total of these items, \$125,000, from \$380,000, there remains \$255,000, almost the exact amount I estimate will be needed hereafter for szso.com, armost the exact amount I cestimate will be needed hereafter for the payment of criminal charges. Of course, I have added in my estimate to the present appropriation for roads the 575,000 taken from criminal charges, and in the same manner to the present appropriation for reformatories \$50,000 taken from criminal charges.

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Emperor William Sends His Thanks

3014. Auswärtiges Amt.

Berlin, den 24. Juni 1913.

Nr. 1. 19021 55513

> Die mit dem Berichte vom 31.v.M. _____ ilbermittelte Glückmunschadresse ist an Allerhöchster Stelle in Vorlade debracht worden

Seine Majestät der Kaiser und König äußerten lebhafte Freude über diesen schönen Ausdruck der unter den Deutschen im Auslande bewahrten treuen Anhänglichkeit sowie über das freundliche Gedenken amerikanischer Bürger

Auf Befehl Seiner Majestät ersuche ich Euer Hochwohlgeboren ergebenst, allen Beteiligten für die freundliche Aufmerksamkeit Allerhöchstihren wärmsten Dank aussprechen zu wollen.

Sambail ger om en Der Retchskanzler.
New york de 14. Juli 1913
Falth. In Auftrage

den Kaiserlichen Konsul Herrn - VI e tor

Hochwohloeboren

Richmond.

E. K. Victor, Imperial German Consul at Richmond, has received the above reply to the address sent to the Emperor by the German-American citizens of Richmond. A translation follows:

The address sent to me with your report of May 31, has been submitted to His Majesty. His Majesty, the Emperor and King expressed his intense delight at this beautiful expression of the loyalty preserved among the Germans abroad and the kindly remembrances of American citizens. His Majesty has ordered me to request your honor to communicate the expression of his warmest thanks to all participants for this kind attention.

THE CHANCELLOR OF THE EMPIRE.

By Fahn.

To the Honorable E. K. Victor. Imperial German Consul, Richmond, Va.

to judge by experience, there seems This sum will very likely reach \$50,- my estimate of receipts does retain for

the State.

Answer: Section 169 of the Constitu-tion contains the following provision: "Nothing in this Constitution shall prevent the General Assembly, after the 1st day of January, 1913, from segregating for the purposes of taxation the several kinds or classes of property, so as to specify and determine upon what subjects State taxes, and upon what subjects local taxes, may be levied." My construction of this provision is

that if it be determined to segregate for the purposes of taxation, the several kinds or classes of property, then the General Assembly can determine upon what subjects (i. e., persons or property) State taxes shall be levied. and upon what subjects (i. e., persons or property) local taxes shall be placed.

9. It is claimed my estimate of \$125,-000 for assessing and collecting the revenue is excessive.

Answer: It is to be borne in mind that the amount of revenue to be assessed.

that the amount of revenue to be assessed and collected for license taxes on businesses and professions is \$850,000; on liquor \$600,000, and for capitation taxes, \$410,000, a total of \$1,860,000, and these taxes are to be assessed and colected in every county and city in the

They must be assessed and collected by competent and efficient officers; moreover, in my opinion, these amounts will substantially increase annually, and all things considered, I regard the estimate of \$125,000 for assessing and collecting the revenue as conserva-

Provides Sufficient Revenue. 10. The most general objection to the proposed plan is that the estimate does not provide sufficient revenue and that the annual surplus will not be adequate for contingencies, many going so far as to say that the annual surplus of the State should be \$500,000 or \$600,000, which is from \$ to 10 per cent more than the revenue estimated.

Answer: It has been many years since



and the tremendous increase in volume of telephone calls since the beginning of this hot spell have entailed an immense amount of work on our operating force.

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This increased volume of telephone business shows how the people rely on Bell Telephone Service in such emergencies to conduct their business affairs.

Bell Telephone Service for any emergency.

The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company,

than my estimate of expenditures.
Why exact from the taxpayers \$500,-000 or \$500,000 more than is needed for the conduct of the affairs of the State? The object of this plan is to efficiently and beneficially administer the affairs of the State in the way least burden-

some to the taxpayers?

In my estimate of expenditures I have included nothing for improvements and betterments at the State hospitals, institutions, etc., but have provided \$100,000 as an emergency fund, the accumulation of which can be used the accumulation of which can be used. the accumulation of which can be used for that purpose as required, and yet, seconding to my estimate, there will then remain a surplus of \$120,000, and that, portion of the \$125,000 for "expenses of assessing and collecting the revenue," if any, which will not be needed needed.

Of course, I realize there are many meritorious objects for which the State can appropriate money, and I believe in the tentative plan proposed there will be such annual normal increase in the revenue of the State as will enable the General Assembly to make prudent provision for those objects.

Losses of Countles and Cities. 11. The serious problem in the plan

Petersburg, Va., July 3e.

A handsome monument erected at Sussex Courthouse in memory of the Confederate soldiers of that county allowed to tax exclusively for its governmental purposes all real estate and all tangible and intangible personal property within its boundaries (except the real and personal property of railioads and similar corporations), it is certainly reasonable to suppose that assessments at true value will yield the requisite revenue, especially when the State will bear the criminal charges, and make the same provision for roads, schools and pensions as she is now schools and pensions as she is now making. Now, to test this feature of the plan and to perfect it (which i have not been able to do for lack of complete data, counties and cities often limposing taxes on subjects which the State does not tax, such as merchants eapital, etc.), the the Board of Supervisors of each county and the finance committees of the cities apply the plan. visors of each county and the finance committees of the cities apply the plan to their respective counties and cities, both as to present assessed values and as to what their judgment may determine to be the true values of the properties, real and personal, within their respective localities.

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is due to the reduction in the rate to be charged upon intangible personal property, and I feel confident this will be overcome in almost all of them by the increased amount of the conflict that the books, to appoint the registrar in the books are registrarily with the registrarily wit of them by the increased amount of that property, which will be placed upon the tax books not there now, because of what the taxpayers consider an excessive rate of taxation. The investigations made by the grand juries sustain this contention.

I think this contention.

The loss to Bristol, Petersburg, Richmond and Roanoke is due to the operation of the law now in force, distributing rolling stock of railroads for taxation.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Emporia, Va., July 30.—Extra freight
No. 802, of the Atlantic Coast Line,
going north, was derailed one mile
beyond Pleasant Hill, N. C., at an early
hour, nine cars being thrown off the
rails. No one was hurt.

Struck by Lightning.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Emporia, Vâ., July 39.—Oscar Wilkerson, a young white man, whose home is near Turner, this county, was struck by a bolt of lightning while in the Trego telegraph office of the Atlantic Coast Line yesterday afternoon and severely burned upon the right lower extremity. For several minutes it was thought that young Wilkerson had been killed. He is much improved to-day.

PRISONER HITS WOMAN

She Goes to Jall to Take Man Dinner, and Is Rewarded by Attack.

Harriet Johnson, colored, went to the City Jail yesterday to take a dinner to William Banks, who has been sentenced to serve a term on the roads. Banks, who was allowed the privileges of a "trusty," quarreled with the woman, and ended it by picking up a stick and striking her over the head. Before he could seriously injure her he was overpowered and taken to a cell.

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Harriet did not like the reception accorded her when she visited Banks in the role of a good Samaritan. She sought Magistrate McCarthy and swore out a warrant charging Banks with felonious assault. The result will be that Banks will again face Justice Crutchfield before he begins his time aiding in improving the State's high-ways.

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News of Petersburg

(Telephone 1485), Petersburg, Va., July 30.

respective localities.

I will prepare blank forms and send them for the purpose if they will do it, and I will then tabulate the information they furnish me.

Under the plan, the critics retain the power to assess license taxes; and whilst several of them suffer losses, it is due to the reduction in the resistant in the power to assess license taxes; and whilst several of them suffer losses, it is due to the reduction in the registrar in the power to assess license taxes; and whilst several of them suffer losses, it is due to the reduction in the registrar in the power to assess license taxes; and whilst several of them suffer losses, it is due to the reduction in the registrar in the power to assess license taxes; and whilst several of them suffer losses, it is due to the reduction in the registrar in the reg

sustain this contention.

I think this would be true, also, in several of the counties which show losses in the statement.

Norfolk City and Winchester new where she was widely known and es-Norfolk City and Winchester now have a tax rate of only 80 cents on each \$100 of intangible personal property, and both show gilins under the showing gains have now tax rates showing gains have now tax rates of \$5 cents and lower on each \$100 of intangible property.

Result of Rolling Stock Law.

The loss to Bristol, Petersburg, Rich-

treatment for some days. He was fifty-four years old, and is survived by two brothers and a sister-W. T. Archer, of this city, and Allen Archer and Mrs. J. W. Lewis, of Prince George. Mrs. Susan C. Heath, widow of Sam-uel J. Heath, died this morning at her

CHARTERS ISSUED

Charters were issued by the State Corporation Commission yesterday as follows:
Alberta Development Corporation, Alberta, Capital: Maximum, \$40,00) minimum, \$5,000.
C. S. Barrow, president, Alberta, Va.; D. T. Kennedy, secretary and treasurer, Kenbridge.

Pocahontas Inn Company (Inc.), Pocahontas, Capital: Maximum, \$40,00) minimum, and the control of the Control

MINIATURE ALMANAC. July 31, 1913. HIGH TIDE:

ness of some weeks. She was in her fifty-fifth year, and is survived by the following children: W. H. Heath, of Norfolk; James H. Heath, of Cape Charles: S. G., E. R., Jos. J. and Miss Ida Heath, of this city.

Fugitive Arrested.

James Thomas, a negro fugitive from justice in Norfolk, and for whom the police of that city have been searching for several months, was arrested here last evening. He is charged with the theft of \$100 from a colored woman named Edmonia Johnson. The woman was in the city yesterday and recog-nized Thomas on the street. She lost no time in communicating with the police and causing his arrest. An offi-cer will be sent for him from Nor-

On complaint that he was assaulted and cut David Leonard, colored, had Viny Hill and John Hill, colored, arraigned in the Police Court this mornlaigned in the Police Court this morning. He claimed that he some time ago sold the Hills some chickens, and when he went to collect the money for them yesterday they refused to pay, alleging that the chickens were stolen. A rumpus followed, during which, Leonard alleges, Viny Hill struck him with a baseball bat and John Hill cut him twice in the arm. Viny was fined \$25 and John \$10, and both noted an appeal.

Church to be Enlarged.

The sum of \$3,000 is to be expended in the enlargement and improvement the Socond Baptist Church, of which the Socond Baptist Church, of which the Rev. F. W. Moore is the pastor. The congregation is growing and larger accommodations are needed. The seating capacity of the church is to be in-creased and the interior greatly im-proved. The choir is to be placed in the rear of the pulpit.

General News Notes. A large number of Petersburgers-probably 100—will go to Washington to-morrow to see Joe Boehling pitch against Detroit.

Manager Heinie Busch, who has been out of the game for a week or more, is still unable to play on account of a fractured rib.

Charles L. Gravatt and Miss Janet Junkin, of Roanoke, are guests of Miss Louise Clements, on Liberty Street.

risonburg; J. W. Bowles, R. F. D. 1 Winchester; H. F. Byrd, Winchester Bighth District-J. L. Dawson, Woodbridge; W. E. Allen, Warrenton; W. R. P. Reld, R. F. D., Alexandria. Ninth District-Henry Roberts, Bristol; James A. Groseclose, Marion; C. A. Wagner, Graham.

Tenth District-J. F. Harper, Waynesboro; S. L. Ferguson, Appomattox; Morning... 2:19 nestoro; S. L. Ferguson, Appomattox Evening... 3:04, W. P. Crumpacker, R. F. D. 1, Roanoke

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